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TWO CENTS.

## DRIVE WEDGE INTO THE GERMAN LINES

### French Have Completed Encircling of the Village of Benicourt

## GERMAN COUNTER ATTACKS REPULSED

Two Battalions Nearly Wiped Out and 1,200 Prisoners and 10 Machine Guns Taken—British Gaining North of the Somme.

The new offensive by the French south of the river Somme in northern France, where the important railway town of Chaubou is their objective, has resulted in the complete encircling of the village of Benicourt, the Paris war office announced today.

Benicourt forms the center of the wedge the French are driving into the German lines north of Cambes, its resistance holding up their advance between Bony and Verdunvillers, complete occupation of which villages by the French was announced last night.

Further progress by the French in this region and heavy counter attacks by the Germans on the new French positions both north and south of the Somme have been repulsed, according to today's report, which announces that the Germans sustained enormous losses, two battalions being nearly wiped out.

The French have taken 1,200 prisoners and 10 machine guns. The British are keeping up their forward push north of the Somme scoring their advances, however, at isolated points, apparently in operations to straighten their lines and secure their hold on captured ground.

London today reports an appreciable advance on the left flank, where the British line has been driven further towards LaSas. Along the Pozieres-Bapaume road north of Martinpuich and east of Courcellette, on the Macedonian front an entente attack in the Struma valley northeast of Saloniki was repulsed by the Bulgarians, the Sofia war office announced.

### SERBIANS ADVANCING.

Take First and Second Line Trenches from the Bulgarians.

LONDON, Sept. 18.—A further advance for the Serbians on the western end of the Macedonian front is reported in a despatch today under a Saloniki date sent out by the Exchange Telegraph company. It says the first and second line trenches of the Bulgarians at Kalamakela have been taken by the Serbians, who have crossed the river. Heavy fighting continues.

### In Odd Fellows' Temple

Monday night at 7.30—Regular meeting of Warranting Lodge.

The members of Dennis Rebekah lodge are requested to meet Tuesday afternoon at 2.20 at the home of Mrs. F. E. Young, corner of Washington and Central streets, to attend the funeral of Mrs. Eliza Reed, which is to be held in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Francis E. Perry, 22 Washington street, at 2.30 o'clock.

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## WILCOX PREDICTS SWEEP OF CONGRESS

Republican Chairman Claims His Party Will Win House and Senate in Coming Elections.

NEW YORK, Sept. 18.—Not only will Charles E. Hughes be elected, but there will be a Republican congress to sustain his administration, is the belief of William R. Wilcox, chairman of the Republican national committee, expressed in a statement made public last night.

"The election of a Republican house is a foregone conclusion," said Mr. Wilcox, "and a 100 per cent campaign will be conducted which will ensure a Republican senate."

"The senate is now composed of 56 Democrats and 39 Republicans. Counting the Maine results, its composition becomes 55 Democrats and 41 Republicans. In November 32 senators are to be elected to fill the places of 17 Democrats and 15 Republicans."

"To gain control of the senate the Republicans must elect 23 candidates—that is, elect all of their 15 and make an inroad of 8 on the Democrats."

"The states now represented by the 15 Republicans are New Mexico, Minnesota, Wyoming, Delaware, Wisconsin, Rhode Island, Massachusetts, North Dakota, Connecticut, Pennsylvania, Vermont, Washington, Utah, Michigan and California. In none of these states is there any doubt of the success of the Hughes and Fairbanks ticket."

"As to the senatorships, only two may be considered doubtful—Washington and Wyoming—and in these the undoubted strength of the national ticket will serve to elect the Republican senatorial candidates."

"The states represented by Democrats are Arizona, Florida, West Virginia, Texas, Nebraska, Indiana (2), Tennessee, Maryland, New Jersey, Montana, New York, Nevada, Ohio, Missouri, Virginia and Mississippi."

"Out of these 17 places the Republicans must take 8. Can they do it? They can and will."

"First let us eliminate the four certain Democratic states of Florida, Texas, Virginia and Mississippi. This leaves the field to the 13 states of Arizona, West Virginia, Nebraska, Indiana (2), Tennessee, Maryland, New Jersey, Montana, New York, Nevada, Ohio and Missouri."

"Of these Ohio, New York, New Jersey, Nebraska and West Virginia, if the same per cent of Progressives vote the Republican ticket as did in Maine, will elect Republican senators. The combined Republican majority in Ohio in 1912 was 74,000, in New York 190,000, New Jersey 55,000, Nebraska 17,000 and West Virginia 22,000."

"If we elect these five senators, which is practically certain, we still have the states of Arizona, Indiana (2), Tennessee, Maryland, Montana, Nevada and Missouri (furnishing 8 places in which to get the remaining 3 required, and in each one of them there is a good fighting chance for Republican success."

## AMERICAN LIVES WERE ENDANGERED

Twenty-Eight from This Country Were Aboard British Steamer Kalvinia, Sunk By Torpedo.

NEW YORK, Sept. 18.—A torpedo sank the British steamer Kalvinia, carrying 28 Americans, according to G. W. Billard of Richmond, Va., one of the Americans who arrived here today on the Cunard liner Tuscania.

### ITALIANS KEEP UP DRIVE.

Storm Strong Austrian Positions on Carso Plateau.

ROME, Sept. 18.—On the Carso plateau, northwest of Trieste, Italian troops are keeping up their big new offensive movement toward Trieste. They stormed yesterday further Austrian intrenchments on a wide front, capturing 800 prisoners, the war office announced.

The attacks were made against "powerful enemy lines," the statement says, for the Austrians have dug themselves in solidly since Goritz was captured, to block the way to the important support on the Adriatic. The Italian infantry did not charge until after an artillery duel that the war office says was "extremely violent." During the night the Italian infantry repulsed several counter attacks.

"On the Isonzo the artillery was especially lively in the Plezzo area, where our infantry made several raids on enemy positions at Rombef, Javorek and Monte Nero," says the statement.

"In the fighting, which occurred on Friday in the Sugana valley between the Cembra and Maora valleys," says the statement, "speaking of the Trentino section of the Italian front, 'severe losses were inflicted on the enemy. After being driven back on the right bank of the Brenta the enemy bombarded our positions on the left bank east of the Maseo torrent and launched three successive attacks which were beaten off.'"

### PRINCE ALBERT ILL.

Second Son of King George Has Abdominal Abscess.

LONDON, Sept. 18.—Prince Albert, second son of King George, has been invalided home on account of an abdominal abscess, says an official communication. The communication adds that the prince, who has undergone an operation, is doing well, but it will be some time before he is able to return to any duty. Prince Albert, while serving as a midshipman on board the battleship Collingwood at the outbreak of the war, was stricken with appendicitis and operated upon. The prince is 21.

## CHANGES IN TROOPS ON MEXICAN BORDER

### One Regiment Returned for Each New One Sent into the Service

## FOUR REGIMENTS NOW ON THEIR WAY

The War Department Has Submitted the Final Disposition of All Border Troops to the American-Mexican Commission at New London.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 18.—Gen. Funston was directed by the war department today to return one National Guard regiment to the border sent to the border. The order was issued in line with Secretary Baker's policy of sending all organizations in state mobilization camps to the border before they are mustered out of the federal service.

The three North Carolina regiments ordered south Saturday together with those from Tennessee already on the way will be the first to reach Gen. Funston's command to relieve troops now there. There are 18,000 guardsmen still in the state camps. These will move as rapidly as the necessary arrangements can be made.

It was indicated at the war department that no general movement of guardsmen homeward would be ordered until a decision affecting the border situation had been reached by the American-Mexican commission now meeting at New London.

The department has submitted the final disposition of all border troops, National Guard and regulars, to the commission, when National Guard organizations are ordered to home stations for muster out those members who apply may be discharged at the border stations when applications are made in good faith and are approved by the commanding officers.

## NEW OWNERSHIP OF SHERIDAN MILLS

James H. Waterhouse, James Chapman and S. J. O'Herron Take Property from John J. McCloskey.

James H. Waterhouse, recently of Woonsocket, R. I., a former resident of North Adams, Mass., and James Chapman and S. J. O'Herron of Pittsfield, have acquired the Sheridan mills at Ashuelot, N. H., which were sold by auction Friday by Hugh Sheridan to John J. McCloskey of Philadelphia, who evidently acted for these three men. There are 200 hands employed at the mills and 50 looms are operated. Mr. Waterhouse will be superintendent of the mill and Mr. Chapman, who has resigned as secretary of the Berkshire Woolen company at Pittsfield, will locate at Ashuelot to act as treasurer of the company. Mr. O'Herron will not be actively engaged in the operations of the mill.

The Ashuelot plant consists of several mill buildings of brick with water fall capable of developing 100 horsepower and it has a spur track from the Boston & Maine railroad. Mr. Chapman has bought the Sheridan house at Ashuelot where he will live. Mr. Waterhouse has bought the house owned by Mr. Sheridan's son, R. J. Sheridan, and will live in it. Mr. Sheridan has retired from the woolen business.

### TURKS BEATEN AGAIN.

Frustrated in Attack on Russians on Caucasian Front.

PETROGRAD, Sept. 18.—"Attempts by the Turks to make an attack in the region of the village of Adisa on the Caucasian front were frustrated by our fire," says the official announcement issued here today. "On the western front there were no events of importance."

### BRITISH AIR RAID.

Aeroplane Attacked Aerodromes at St. Denis and Westrehem.

LONDON, Sept. 18.—A raid by a British naval aeroplane on German aerodromes at Saint Denis and Westrehem is reported in an official statement issued by the war office.

### EPIDEMIC SUBSIDING.

Only 15 New Cases of Infantile Paralysis in New York City.

NEW YORK, Sept. 18.—Notable decrease in the epidemic of infantile paralysis was shown in the report of the health department for the 24 hours ending at 10 a. m. today. There were but six deaths and 15 new cases.

### TURKS CLAIM VICTORY.

British Attacks Dispersed with Heavy Losses in Mesopotamia.

CONSTANTINOPLE, Sept. 18, via London.—Another attempt by the British forces in Mesopotamia to take the offensive is reported by the war office, which says the attackers were dispersed with heavy losses.

## CROWD ATTRACTED TO FENTON OPENING

Shop Gay with Flowers Sent by New York and Boston Business Houses—Arrangement of Store.

Fenton's Men's shop was opened Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock, and all the afternoon and evening the shop was filled with men and women who came to inspect both the attractive interior arrangements and the new stock of men's clothing and furnishings. All women visitors were presented carnations, while the men enjoyed cigars. A large supply of cigar butters, a device said to reduce the amount of strong language indulged in by men when trying to button a stiff collar in a hurry, failed to arrive in time for distribution at the opening, but will be given away later.

The north side of the shop is devoted to men's furnishings exclusively. The shelving begins at the floor and extends well towards the ceiling, giving an unusually large amount of space. In front of the shelves are the silent salesmen show cases, one of them especially equipped for the display of shirts assorted in sizes. The huddle counter is at the rear of the store on the north side with the cash register. This counter, as are the small display tables in the center of the shop and the cabinets on the south side for the display of hats and suits, is finished in the new Kaiser grey.

On the south side of the shop are cabinets. The first near the display window is for caps exclusively and the next a deep one for hats. The suits are in other cabinets, which are deep enough and high enough to permit of one suit being hung above another. An alcove mirror, a dressing room and a bubbling fountain are on the south side of the shop. The office is at the rear.

Small tables in the center of the shop give opportunity for the display of furnishings and samples of tailoring for the made-to-order department of the business, and swing shelves above them give still further opportunity for the attractive display of furnishings.

The store is exceptionally well lighted, two rows of nitrogen lamps in attractive globes being used for illumination at night while the large windows in front with the prism glass above the display windows, the large windows at the rear and the skylight at the rear provide ample light by day.

The shop Saturday was gay with floral decorations of roses, carnations and gladioli, gifts of business houses in New York and Boston. While the opening was intended especially for the welcoming of visitors, a large amount of trading was done.

## DEPOSITORS MADE RUN ON STATE BANK

Police Called Out to Control Crowd in Chicago—Institution Is Solvent, Officers Say.

CHICAGO, Sept. 18.—The police were called out today to control a crowd of depositors who continued a run on the state bank of Schiff & Co., despite the assurance of its officials that the institution is solvent. The run started yesterday because of alarm by the collapse of three private banks last week. Officials said that \$50,000 was paid out yesterday and that the demand of every depositor would be met. The bank has resources of one million, according to an audit Saturday.

## TAG DAY BROUGHT \$266 TO REST ROOM

Largest Tag Day Receipts in Three Years—Committee Grateful to All Persons Who Assisted.

The receipts from Saturday's tag day for the benefit of the Brattleboro rest room amounted to \$266. This is the largest sum that the rest room has collected by this method in three years. The committee in charge wishes to thank all who contributed as well as the spectators who made the contributions possible, and to say that if anyone failed to have an opportunity to contribute he may have any amount he wishes at the rest room.

### MANLEY AGAIN TO MOVE BARN.

New Stands Close to Baptist Church—Exchange of Land.

The First Baptist church trustees and John B. Manley have reached an agreement by which Mr. Manley will receive a strip of land from the church property on Main street in exchange for a similar strip at the rear of the property. Mr. Manley will move the barn that he acquired when he bought the Hooker property, from its present location close to the rear of the Baptist church, into the church about three feet. He recently moved it from where it stood originally and placed it on the extreme line of his property. The arrangement calls for no expenditure of money, merely exchange of small pieces of property at opposite ends of the lots, which will serve to straighten the line.

### TURKS DEFEATED.

Beaten by British in Minor Engagement East of Suez Canal.

LONDON, Sept. 18.—Defeat of the Turks in a minor engagement on the Sinai peninsula, 65 miles east of the Suez canal, was announced officially today.

### GEN. A. L. MILLS DEAD.

Chief of Division of Militia Affairs Victim of Pneumonia.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 18.—Maj. Gen. Albert L. Mills, chief of the division of militia affairs, died at his home here today after 15 hours' illness of pneumonia.

## RECRUITS START AGAIN TOMORROW

### Expect to Leave Fort Ethan Allen at 12.45 for Eagle Pass

## SHOULD REACH THIS TOWN ABOUT 5 P. M.

Troops in State Camps to Relieve Those now on Border—Lieut. Spaulding May Go Too—Vermonters at Border Ordered Home.

(Special to The Reformer.)

FORT ETHAN ALLEN, Sept. 18.—The recruits now in camp, about 160, and three officers, Capt. Hyland, Capt. Gibson and Lieut. Sheldon, have been ordered to Eagle Pass, Texas. A special train of five tourist sleepers, a kitchen car and a baggage car will leave Fort Ethan Allen at 12.45 o'clock tomorrow afternoon and should pass through Brattleboro at about 5 o'clock. The machine gun company was mustered out of the service of the United States Saturday afternoon and the supply company and the headquarters company will be mustered out today.

First Sergt. John Marshall, Jr., Sergt. Thor L. Anderson and Gerald B. Conne, horseherd, left for their homes in Brattleboro late Saturday afternoon.

Capt. J. C. Waterman, United States army senior mustering officer, has been relieved and is to report at Washington for treatment, the strenuous work of the past few weeks having told on his health. His place has been taken by Lieut. Urs Diller, inspector inductor, heretofore stationed at Fort Banks.

Besides Capt. E. W. Gibson of Brattleboro the Company I roster of recruits includes 22 men, as follows: Charles P. Allar, Arthur H. Cain, David S. Carey, Allan C. Colt, Elias T. Foley, Paul J. Gottwald, Benjamin H. Hill, Dennis J. Jacobs, Chester W. Lane, George H. Lane, Harold M. Lane, Dewey V. LeFarr, John Nadau, Angelo Morano, Edward Nicholas, Alphonse R. Rette, Albert S. Rhodes, Elwyn Richardson, Walter J. Scott, Robert C. Thayer, George S. Thompson and William Tweed.

A San Antonio, Texas, despatch dated Sept. 17, says: "The First Tennessee infantry goes to Eagle Pass, relieving the first Vermont, ordered home. The second Tennessee goes to McAllen, relieving the second New York."

Lieut. Walter R. Spaulding of the first Vermont regiment, who is at his home here on a furlough, has applied for permission to return to Eagle Pass with the Vermont recruits. Lieut. Spaulding is satisfied that his resignation, which he tendered recently, will not be accepted and he prefers to make the journey to the border again with troops rather than to remain a few days and go alone.

Secretary Baker is personally supervising all guard movements. He is determined that every guard unit undergo border service and training before it is discharged, and intends to use the troops in state camps to relieve those on the border so that the latter may return home and be mustered out of the federal service.

Although no account of war department expenses incident to the border situation has been made, public reports indicate that the department virtually has exhausted its funds and will face a heavy deficit before another appropriation can be secured from Congress to meet the expenses of the border emergency. If the guard movements continue, it will be necessary to have an urgent deficiency appropriation bill put through as soon as Congress meets in December.

Exclusive of the North Carolina organizations ordered to the border today, there are 18,000 guardsmen who have been held in the state camps. These are scattered throughout Alabama, Colorado, Mississippi, Florida, Georgia, West Virginia, Wyoming, Minnesota, Michigan, District of Columbia, California, Maryland, with several small units in other states.

Reports to the war department received during the last few days show that these units have been properly equipped and recruited and are prepared for duty.

### STRIKERS RETURN.

Schedule Satisfactory to Both Sides Adopted in Lawrence.

LAWRENCE, Mass., Sept. 18.—Two hundred employees of the Champion International company, paper manufacturers, who struck last week for a reduction in hours, returned to work today. It was stated that a new schedule satisfactory to both sides had been adopted.

### THE WEATHER.

Tuesday Fair. Probably Frosts Tonight. Variable Winds.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 18.—The weather forecast: Partly cloudy tonight, Tuesday fair. Probably frosts tonight. Light variable winds.

## BOSTON & MAINE USING NEW TRACK

Long Crossover Laid to Connect Boston & Maine and Central Vermont Tracks Near New Station.

The work of straightening the track of the Boston & Maine railroad south of Bridge street, used for northbound trains, was begun yesterday morning by a large gang of men and continued all day. The work was completed so that the 9.20 paper train yesterday morning went north over the new track across the Boston & Maine bridge over Whetstone brook.

The southbound track, which is Central Vermont iron, also required some attention, being moved slightly to the west, and a long crossover, connecting the two tracks at the north end of the railroad station, had to be laid. This work was not completed yesterday and large crews of trackmen, part from the Boston & Maine railroad and the rest Central Vermont road employees, are working there today.

The work meant considerable confusion this morning for passengers desiring to take trains, as all trains were moved in and out of the station on the northbound track.

The Boston & Maine track gang was brought from as far south as Greenfield, Mass., while the Central Vermont employees included track men from the West River branch. Except in the matter of the crossover each crew devoted all of its attention to the track of the road by which it was employed.

The new crossover is for the benefit of the northbound West River branch train, which must shift to the Central Vermont track immediately upon leaving the station. It also will be of use in doing some switching.

## BIG CLEAN-UPS IN WHEAT SPECULATION

Jim Patten Collects \$1,000,000 Profit and Arthur Cutten Takes a Larger Sum.

CHICAGO, Sept. 18.—Jim Patten and Arthur Cutten, who had been dabbling in wheat, let go of some of their holdings Saturday. Patten collected \$1,000,000, while Cutten, who has rarely been heard of before in the big wheat transactions, took down \$1,250,000.

Some time ago, when wheat was dragging at \$1.10 or thereabouts, both men began to load up and they took on something like 5,000,000 or more bushels. From time to time there were hurries, during which the numerous small fry and sheestrung speculators were shaken out of the market and their discarded holdings were picked up by the big fellows at the decline. Neither of the two leaders was worried at any time over the prospects, but piled up a few more sacks of wheat as opportunity offered and sat tightly on the sacks.

Then came the terrific heat in the northwest and rains, and the combination spelled rust and higher wheat. Came also, each huge and drought, likewise the government report showing a world shortage, with all the world howling for wheat. Meanwhile Patten and Cutten sat tight. Then it was found that most of the spring wheat was only fit for chicken feed and that of the remainder, it required an additional bushel to make a barrel of flour. Northwestern millers immediately began reaching into the south-west for supplies, down to Kansas, Oklahoma and Missouri.

## REPEATED ATTACKS FROM ROOF TOPS

Stones and Bottles Crashed Through Car Windows—Several Passengers Injured.

NEW YORK, Sept. 18.—Repeated attacks from roof tops were made on passing elevated trains by strike sympathizers during the early hours today. Stones and bottles crashed through car windows and several passengers were injured. In the Bronx a policeman was hurt while dispersing a crowd of sympathizers who were throwing bricks. Normal service on subways and elevated lines was being carried on, according to police reports.

There will be no sympathetic strike to aid the street railway employees until Thursday at the earliest and one may be averted altogether if renewed efforts of Mayor Mitchell to settle the present street car strike in the meantime are successful.

This was announced today after a conference between the mayor and five labor leaders representing the street railway employees, the longshoremen's union, the stationary engineers and firemen's union and the state federation of labor.

The leaders told the mayor that the various organizations were determined to strike unless the municipal authorities took some step to compel the traction heads to observe their recent agreement.

The mayor promised to make another effort to adjust the difficulties and said he hoped to give them an answer by Thursday.

### KILLED IN ACTION.

Raymond Asquith, Son of the Premier, Killed at the Front.

LONDON, Sept. 18.—Raymond Asquith, son of Premier Asquith, was killed in action on Sept. 16, it was announced today.

A genius is a man who can do almost anything but make a living.

## INJURIES FATAL TO IVAN WILLARD

### South Vernon Man Died in Ambulance on Way to Hospital

## STRUCK BY TRAIN AT EAST PUTNEY

Formerly Lived in Brattleboro and Had Worked for A. A. Dunklee & Son in South Vernon—Leaves Wife and One Daughter.

Ivan E. Willard of South Vernon, about 45 years of age, a former resident of Brattleboro, was struck by the southbound White Mountain express at the East Putney station Saturday afternoon about 1.30 o'clock and so badly injured that he died in the ambulance on the way from the union station here to the Memorial hospital. His skull and chest were crushed.

Mr. Willard had been visiting his wife's sister in Westmoreland, N. H., and had crossed on the ferry to take the southbound local at the East Putney station to return to his home. The White Mountain express does not stop at East Putney and proceeds the local by a few minutes. It is believed that Mr. Willard thought the express was the one that he was to take and would stop at the station. He was struck and knocked many feet as he was crossing the tracks.

The train was stopped and Mr. Willard, who was breathing, was placed on a stretcher and brought to Brattleboro. Information was telephoned ahead and the ambulance was waiting, but Mr. Willard did not survive the hurried trip to the hospital.

Mr. Willard formerly lived on Myrtle street in Brattleboro and had lived in Greenfield and Barnardston. About four years ago he went to South Vernon and worked for a time for A. A. Dunklee & Son on their farm. He leaves his wife and a daughter, Beatrice, 16. Mr. Willard was a member of class No. 10 of the Baptist Bible school of this town.

The body was taken in charge by Bond & Son and sent to his home Saturday evening. The funeral will be held tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock in the church in South Vernon.

## FOUND NO TRACE OF GERMAN SUBMARINE

Craft Reported to Be the Bremen Was an American Boat of L Type Returning to Port.

NEW LONDON, Conn., Sept. 18.—The submarine approaching New London and which was reported to be the German undersea merchantman Bremen was an American craft of the L type returning from maneuvers, it developed today with the return to port of the sea-going tug T. S. Scott, Jr. The tug set out last night carrying persons supposed to be representatives of the Eastern Forwarding company, to which the cargo of the Deutschland was consigned when that freighter reached Baltimore. The tug reported today that nothing was seen or heard of the Bremen. The American submarine was returning to her base.

### PLAQUE CASES IN BOSTON.

Eighteen New Victims of Infantile Paralysis in 24 Hours.

BOSTON, Sept. 18.—Forty cases of infantile paralysis, which developed over Saturday and Sunday, were reported today at the health department, making a total of 321 for the month. Of the new cases 18 were in Boston.



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